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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING NO. 19-2013
Wednesday, October 23, 2013**

The City of Rockville Planning Commission convened in regular session in the Mayor and Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 23, 2013.

PRESENT

Don Hadley, Chair

Anne Goodman	Charles Littlefield
David Hill	Dion Trahan
Jack Leiderman	John Tyner

Present: Andrew Gunning, Assistant Director, CPDS
Marcy Waxman, Assistant City Attorney
Deane Mellander, Zoning Administrator
David Levy, Chief of Long Range Planning
Cindy Kebba, Planner III

I. DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATIONS

Rockville Pike Plan Draft Work Session - Continued development of the Commission's final draft by updating the current draft based on discussion of testimony. Provide direction to staff. Review and possible action on a resolution for transmittal of the final document to the Mayor and Council.

Staff and the Commission continued their discussion on non-conformities and the amortization schedule, the ten-year amortization schedule, testimony from citizens and attorneys concerning the amortization schedule, mixed uses, and additional text.

Commissioner Tyner moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodman, to support the staff's recommendation on Page 5, Number 16, regarding the effective date and the removal of the amortization schedule from the Casualty Clause.

Commissioner Tyner restated his motion to support staff's recommendation which is that the amortization provision be removed and that the date of conformance be adjusted to March 16, 2009, which is the effective date of the present zoning. The vote was 3-3-1 and therefore the motion failed (Commissioners Hadley, Hill and Leiderman voted No, Commissioner Littlefield abstained).

After further discussion, Commissioner Tyner moved, seconded by Commissioner Trahan, to repost the previous motion.

The vote was 5-1-1 (Commissioner Hill voted No, Commissioner Littlefield abstained).

The meeting recessed at 9:20 p.m. and reconvened at 9:27 p.m.

II. COMMISSION ITEMS

- A. Staff Liaison Report – Andy Gunning provided an update on the next meeting agenda and mentioned that the Mayor and Council approved the historic district designation for 628 Great Falls Road but such designation for 255 N. Washington Street will not be initiated, meaning that demolition may occur.
- B. Old Business - Possible Mayor and Council changes to the Adequate Public Facility Standards (APFS). The Commission discussed the proposed changes to the APFS by the Mayor and Council, and identified comments they will provide for the record.

Discussion ensued regarding unbuilt but funded fire stations. Topics discussed were:

- 1) Changes to the types of emergency response calls;
- 2) Going from three to two stations (according to the proposed change, stations can be counted even if they're unbuilt but funded by the County's CIP);
- 3) Reduction to two responding units as long as they're operational, and whether high risk elements should have enhanced response requirements.

Councilmember John Hall addressed the Commission and provided insight about the fire response shift to emergency medical response. He also addressed the number of stations that cover the City.

Commissioner Leiderman motioned, seconded by Commissioner Trahan, to allow the meeting time to go beyond 11:00 p.m. The motion passed 7-0.

Further discussion ensued with Councilmember Hall and the Commission surrounding edits to the APFS, and the Commission agreed to write a letter to the Mayor and Council describing the Commission's comments.

- C. New Business - None
- D. Minutes – Commissioner Hill moved, seconded by Commissioner Tyner, to approve the June 12, 2013 Minutes from Meeting 11-2013. The motion passed 5-0-2 (Commissioners Goodman and Littlefield abstained).
Commissioner Tyner moved, seconded by Commissioner Trahan, to approve the June 26, 2013 Minutes from Meeting 12-2013. The motion passed 5-0-2 (Commissioners Goodman and Littlefield abstained).
Commissioner Hill moved, seconded by Commissioner Leiderman, to approve the July 10, 2013 Minutes from Meeting 13-2013. The motion passed 5-0-2 with noted edits (Commissioners Goodman and Littlefield abstained).
- E. FYI Correspondence

III. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Y. Driver, Commission Secretary